

STATE OF TEXAS :
COUNTY OF HOWARD :
CITY OF BIG SPRING :

The City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, met in a regular meeting in the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 p.m., June 22, 2021, with the following members present in person:

SHANNON THOMASON	Mayor
DIANE YANEZ	Councilmember
CODY HUGHES	Councilmember
GLORIA McDONALD	Councilmember
TROY TOMPKINS	Councilmember
MAURY SMITH	Councilmember

The following member was present by telecommunication:

NICK ORNELAS	Mayor Pro Tem
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Same and constituting a quorum, for which four Councilmembers must be present; and the following staff in person;

TODD DARDEN	City Manager
JOHN MEDINA	Assistant City Manager
ANDREW HAGEN	City Attorney
CHAD WILLIAMS	Police Chief
CRAIG FERGUSON	Fire Chief
SHANE BOWLES	Public Works Director
SANDY SMITH	Finance Director
HAYLEY HERRERA	Community Services Director
JIM LITTLE	Airpark Director
TAMI DAVIS	Interim City Secretary
TIM GREEN	Municipal Judge

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Mark Lindsey, First Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Mayor Thomason led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were made at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Todd Darden, City Manager, gave an update on the following:

- Reminder on Large Item Pickup for District 6 – June 16, 2021
- Reminder of no fireworks allowed at Moss Lake
- Brief discussion on future hearings on regarding substandard structures
- Report on the new Constitutional Carry

CONSENT ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2021

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 40 ENTITLED “PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS,” ARTICLE II “PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES,” DIVISION 1 “GENERALLY,” SECTION 40-33 “ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES INVOLVING SALES, SERVICE, OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL”, SUBSECTION 4 “COMANCHE TRAIL MUNICIPAL AMPHITHEATER” IN ORDER TO AMEND THE BOUNDARY DEFINITION FOR ALCOHOL SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 029-2020 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 TO INCREASE THE LANDFILL FUND BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDITIONAL POSTAGE FOR MAILOUTS

Motion was made by Councilmember McDonald to approve the above captioned ordinances and minutes, seconded by Councilmember Smith, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

OLD BUSINESS

TABLED

VOUCHERS FOR 05/28/2021	\$	522,670.18
VOUCHERS FOR 06/03/2021	\$	802,291.73

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to remove the vouchers off the table, seconded by Councilmember Yanez, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

Councilmember Yanez reviewed the above captioned vouchers. Motion was made by Councilmember Yanez to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE II “CITY COUNCIL,” SECTION 2-22 “ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA” TO DELEGATE THE DIRECTION AND

AUTHORIZATION OF AGENDAS TO THE MAYOR; DELEGATE PREPARATION AND POSTING OF AGENDAS TO THE CITY SECRETARY; REVISING THE METHOD BY WHICH AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED; REQUIRING A LISTED SPONSOR OR AUTHOR OF AGENDA ITEMS; VOIDING ACTION TAKEN IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above caption ordinance, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with Councilmember Yanez, Hughes, Thomason, McDonald, Tompkins and Smith voting "aye." Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, being opposed, voting "nay" for passage of same. Motion **passed** six to one.

VOUCHERS

Councilmember Hughes reviewed the following vouchers:

VOUCHERS FOR 06/10/2021 \$ 379,733.49
VOUCHERS FOR 06/17/2021 \$ 1,736,973.75

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the above captioned vouchers, seconded by Councilmember Smith, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

BIDS

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARDING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR TxCDBG WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT #7220039 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Tompkins to award the above captioned bid to Roberts Construction in the amount of \$339,813.25, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

NEW BUSINESS

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE BIG SPRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 18, 2021

Councilmembers acknowledged receipt the above captioned minutes.

CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) GRANT FOR PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT OF BUDGETED BODY ARMOR FOR UNIFORMED PATROL OFFICERS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Tompkins to approve the above captioned grant, seconded by Councilmember Yanez, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INVESTMENT OFFICERS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned resolution, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 029-2020 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 BY INCREASING THE AIRPARK FUND BUDGET TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A MOWER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Tompkins, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 029-2020 WHICH ADOPTED THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE UTILITY FUND TO THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR THE AUDITORIUM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas, with all members of the Council present voting "aye."

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BIG SPRING CITY CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE VII "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS," TO CONFIRM THAT THE CHANGES TO ELIGIBILITY TO THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLIES TO MEMBERS APPOINTED JUNE 1, 2021 OR LATER; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-242, "RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES" TO REQUIRE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES TO PROVIDE MINUTES AND AN ORAL OR WRITTEN REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL AT LEASE ONCE PER QUARTER UNLESS IT DOES NOT MEET; AND BY CREATING A NEW DIVISION 6, ENTITLED "ANIMAL SHELTER AND WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE," SECTION 2-303 TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACTING IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON MATTERS CONCERNING ANIMAL SHELTERS AND THE GENERAL WELFARE OF ANIMALS IN THE CITY; BY MOVING THE SECTIONS OF THE CODE PERTAINING TO ANIMAL RESCUE AND ADOPTION COMMITTEE FROM CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, DIVISION 7, "ANIMAL RESCUE AND ADOPTION COMMITTEE," FOR CONSISTENCY AND PROVIDING FOR RENUMBERING OF THOSE MOVED SECTIONS; REPEALING CHAPTER 8 ENTITLED "ANIMALS," ARTICLE II ENTITLED "ANIMAL RESCUE AND ADOPTION

COMMITTEE,” AND RESERVING THE ARTICLE FOR FUTURE EXPANSION; AND BY CREATING A NEW DIVISION, ENTITLED “BOARDS OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS,” AND MOVING THE SECTIONS OF THE CODE PERTAINING TO IT THERE FROM CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE IV, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the above captioned ordinance, seconded by Councilmember McDonald.

After a brief discussion, motion was made by Mayor Thomason to amend the above captioned ordinance by removing the “Animal Shelter and Welfare Advisory Committee”, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

Motion was made by Mayor Thomason to approve the amended ordinance, seconded by Councilmember McDonald, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AMENDING THE MEET AND CONFER AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Hughes to approve the above captioned agreement, seconded by Councilmember Tompkins, with all members of the Council present voting “aye.”

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

A brief discussion on boards and committees regarding the Councilmembers to start the process of nominating citizens within their districts to fill some vacancies. No action was taken.

COUNCIL INPUT

Mayor Thomason addressed the water issues and several complaints about the water quality and assured everyone that the water is safe. Mayor Thomason also reminded citizens to “help control the pet population, spay or neuter your pets.”

Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas thanked the citizens who participated with the Rodeo. Also Mayor Pro Tem Ornelas is working with the Young Marines to assist citizens 65 or older with the Large Item Pickup for District 1 in July.

Councilmember Yanez received a couple of complaints regarding the weeds at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Councilmember Hughes would like for the staff to look into some plumbing issues on some airpark leases.

Councilmember McDonald requested a process in Code Enforcement to follow up on code complaints.

Councilmember Tompkins requested a timeline on water line replacement on 15th and 16th Streets. Councilmember Tompkins also had several complaints regarding dirty water and also asked the Council to consider reviewing the receivables.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDNANCE WITH THE PURPOSES PERMITTED BY THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, SECTION 551.071, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, "CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; CLOSED MEETING," AND THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT TO DISCUSS LITIGATION MATTERS

There was no need for an executive session at this time.

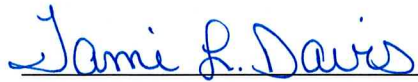
ADJOURN

Mayor Thomason adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



Shannon D. Thomason, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tami L. Davis, Interim City Secretary